(क) क्या गुजरात में मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय मौजूद हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका जिलावार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार गुजरात में और मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय खोलने का विचार रखती है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग) में उप मंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा) :(क) इन्दिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार, इस समय गुजरात में कोई मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार का गुजरात में एक मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Head Quarter of C.B.S.E. Eastern Zone

1354. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Head Quarter of CBSE, Eastern Zone is not functioning from Ranchi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what remedial measures are being taken to ensure that Eastern Zone Head Quarter of C.B.S.E. caters from a centrally located trouble free place for better administrative control and monitor activities ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) As per information received from the Central Board of Secondary Education, the Regional Office of the Board has been shifted from Ranchi to Allahabad on account of reallocation of jurisdiction of the Regional Offices and for the sake of administrative and functional convenience. The Regional Office at Allahabad caters to the States of U.P., Bihar, Orissa & West Bengal. One of the reasons for selecting Allahabad was that it is a Central place and easily accessible by train from all parts of the country including the Eastern Region of the country.

Grants to N.C.E.R.T.

1355. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA :
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total grants given to N.C.E.R.T. during the last three years; and

(b) whether Government propose to increase these grants ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Grants released to the N.C.E.R.T. during the last three years are as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Plan	3,50	2,19	3,62
Non Plan	21,74	20,13	13,70
TOTAL	25,24	22,32	17,32

(b) At present there is no proposal to increase the normal grants to NCERT.

Educational Institutions in Maharashtra and Punjab

1356. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN :
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the educational Institutions recognised by NCERT in Maharashtra and Punjab; and

(b) what is the procedure for any educational research institute to associate itself with the NCERT ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The NCERT has informed that it works in collaboration with state level educational institutions including those of Maharashtra and Punjab for qualitative improvement in the field of school education. It does not grant any affiliation or recognition to educational institutions.

(b) According to the NCERT, any institution registered under the Societies Registration Act in force and having facilities for research, development, training, extension and other activities related to improvement in school education can associate itself with the Council on a request for a specific purpose. The NCERT has a Standing Committee called Educational Research and Innovations Committee (ERIC) which promotes research by providing financial assistance and training opportunities to research scholars through courses in research methodology and by offering research fellowships for pursuing research at doctoral level in the areas of school and teacher education.

UNICEF Grant to NCERT

1357. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO :
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of UNICEF grant given to NCERT during the last three years;

(b) to what use these grants are being put; and

(c) whether any evaluation of the utilisation of these grants have been recently made and what are the details thereof ?